

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Thursday, February 28, 2008

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**Brief and Informal Meeting held at the
6th Annual African American Mental Health Conference
NO PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN**

**Please note that these minutes a brief summary
and not a word for word transcription of events at this meeting.**

Jerry Lubin, Chair, Presiding

Commissioners and staff met at the African American Mental Health Conference and conducted an informal meeting from 10:45 – 12:20. A few announcements were made, see below:

The following commissioners attended the conference

Barry Perrou	Jerry Lubin
Delores Huffman	Hayward McNeill
Helen Wolff	Howard Askins
Lana Brody	Victoria Sofro
Larry Gasco	Frank Baron
Arnold Gilberg	Greg Thompson

Announcements

Connections for Life Through Employment & Education Conference – no cost
April 2, 2008, 9 am – 3 pm
Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels
555 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA

- Employment and Education Resources
- Speakers – successes with recovery through employment and education
- “Close the Deal” – Makeover and Fashion show

Stepping In Conference – no cost
April 9, 2008, 7 am – 12:45 pm
Norwalk Marriott Hotel
1311 Sycamore Drive
Norwalk, CA 90605

Topics

- Officer Involved Shootings and Catastrophic Incidents
- Understanding Compulsive Hoarding
- Hidden Health Hazards at Hoarding Houses

Director's Report – Dr. Rod Shaner, Medical Director, DMH

Budget: DMH is trying to work out keeping psychiatric patients in emergency inpatient beds in the hospitals pass 24 hours. Department of Health Services cannot keep psychiatric patients in available beds for 24 hour holds. DMH is proposing to take responsibility for looking for facilities and pay Health Services for the bed. DMH is seeking funding for a program called Tele-psychiatry. Tele-psychiatry is an innovative approach to helping rural communities conquer the lack of resources particularly access to a psychiatrist. By using tele-psychiatry the Department can connect more mental health professionals to patients.

MHSA – DMH is moving forward on the expansion of MHSA services to facilitate curtailment plans for some programs. The CSS outcomes are in place and there is a significant number of FSP. Growth funds realized that will cover incidents that occur like consultant services

PEI – Working out issues to better utilize services for the various components like electronic medical records, education and employment and disable consumers.

Administration – Retirees

- Chris Fiero, Deputy Director, Public Guardian
- Renee Woodruff, District Chief, West Central Mental Health Services

SAAC 2 – Roberta Burkenhiem reported the SAAC is doing well with client-run centers and FSPs due to MHSA funding availability. The SAAC was informed of a disparity in navigation services among the various SAACs and communities. SAAC 2 supports any effort that will balance distribution of needs to all SAACS on an equal basis.

Next Meeting Information

The next meeting of the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission will be:

Thursday, March 27, 2008
12 – 2:30 pm
Hahn Hall of Administration – Room 739
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012